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Twenty Years Ago and Today

Billy Haack Compares Conditions Today Under the M. A. A. With Those of the Past When Over the Fence Meant a Lost Ball.

Only a few fans appreciate the vast differences in sporting conditions in Memphis today as compared to the situation 20 years ago. It is only natural that with the rapid advancement of the city that some changes must necessarily have transpired in an athletic way, and Billy Haack, alert to the occasion, has been induced to comment upon the matter. He has written three articles for The News Scimitar touching upon baseball, swimming and boxing. The first of these, concerning baseball—appears today.—Editor's Note.

BY BILLY HAACK.

The young men and boys should appreciate what is doing for them in Memphis. The association furnishes the grounds to play on; hires a ground keeper to keep the diamond in fine shape; furnishes a nice grand stand and bleachers for their friends to sit in when the games, and has a couple of policemen to see that order is kept.

The fans are admitted free of

charge and they see baseball just one class under the Southern league. Think what we went through 20 years ago! If we found a lot to play on, we had to dig in our pockets to buy balls and bats. If the ball went in some lady's yard, we generally just let it as the lady would beat us to it, and chase us out with a broom. We would also have two boys stationed about a block from the fields to watch for the police as they always ran us when they found a game. Now the police will go out of their way to see the boys play, and the best part of it is the boys are furnished with uniforms and balls and bats.

In these days the newspapers send their reporters out to get a box score, but if your name ever appeared in the paper 20 years ago for playing on a corner lot, the cops would know who to get for "probably breaking" some window. Thanks to the M. A. A. for what they have done for the young man in helping to develop himself not only in baseball, but tennis, basketball and soccer.

TAD'S TID-BITS

THE GREATEST FIGHTER.

We are about to run a series of stories on this page about fighters. Of course we all have our greatest fighter. There are arguments every day about the star pugilist. Here on this page we will give you the views of different fighters, managers and promoters.

Sam Langford, himself one of the greatest fighters that ever pulled on a glove, was the first we interviewed as to his greatest fighter.

Sam picks Jack Johnson. He came with a natural. He didn't hesitate at all. We met him at Jack Dempsey's camp in Toledo the day before the big bout, and Sam was very strong for Johnson. He said that no man could lick Willard, for Willard had licked the greatest man that ever lived.

"Didn't you say that Jeffries would lick Johnson?" we asked for a kid.

"Yes, yes, I did say that, but I was sore at Johnson then," said Sam. "You know he gave me quite a licking a long time ago in Boston, and when I got to be champion he never would talk about me again. I was sore at him, but all the time I was down in my heart, I knew that he was a great man. The day I saw him beat Jeffries made me sure. Jeffries was in good shape that day. He never could have taken the licking he did if he wasn't in great form. You know he was just as fast as ever, but he was like a baby when he boxed Johnson. I tell you that Johnson was so big, so strong, so clever. He had everything. He was never hurt, never had a black eye, or a cut, and never broke a hand, and he beat the best man in the world. I call that considerable going."

"He was never even tired in a fight. He just fought his own way, went about it in a business-like way, and made the other fellow look foolish. Hit? Yes, sir! I never hit the floor harder in my life than I did when he hit me. I thought I'd go right through the floor of that ring."

"Nobody ever knocked Johnson down. I know he knocked with Keitchel and slipped with Sandy Ferguson, but he was never there on the floor while the referee counted."

"Great man, that Johnson. I think that Gans was another great man, but Johnson, to me was the best that ever boxed in a ring."

JESSE WILLARD SAYS—

"All the world loves a winner—with the exception of the loser."

AN ENGLISH REFEREE CHIRPS—

Mr. Eugene Corri, the famous referee of the National Sporting Club, in London, gave his views on decisions to a newspaper a week or so ago, and this is what he said:

"One man has been winning handsomely all along the line of the twentieth round. In a specified 20-round contest, in the last round, let it be argued that the man who has figured so splendidly is suddenly knocked down by a chance blow and counted out. The rules of the National Sporting Club would, in such a case as that, justify a referee in giving the fight to the man who had so conspicuously proved his superiority on points."

Well, just suppose that Bat Nelson had done all his fighting in London. You know that Bat was a notorious trailer in most of his fights. He fought Eddie Egan in Paris and for 16 rounds Egan laughered him. In the 19th, however, Bat connected with a right and the tide began to sing. Well, that was a 20-round thing. According to Mr. Corri, when half the fight was over and he had run second all the way, Nelson might just as well have thrown up his hands and quit, saying, "I can't go any further."

Jim Jeffries might have done the same thing in his 25-round go with Jim Corbett. At the end of the 12th round, Corbett was cut and bleeding and looked like a sparring partner, he should have quit, because his opponent had all the better of the go. As it turned out, however, he flattened Corbett in the 23d round.

SHERWOOD MAGEE AT LAST ON WINNER

Cincinnati Athlete Has Been Waiting a Long Time To Be Up in World.

Everything comes to him who waits, some wise bird has said.

All well and good. But if anyone had told Sherwood Magee back in 1904 that he would have to wait until he joined the Cincinnati Reds to get onto a pennant winning ball club he would have burst forth in loud and raucous guffaws.

Magee is one of the veterans of the big leagues, as well as the National circuit. He broke into the big show back in 1904 with the Philadelphia Athletics, from Allentown, Pa.

For 11 seasons he gave the Phils all the baseball he had in an effort to help them land a pennant. But they floundered every year in 1915 the Boston Braves were miraculously named to the world series, you undoubtedly recall.

The following spring Magee was traded to the Braves for Dugue Whitted and a bag of coin. Magee was tickled silly. It looked as though he had at last broken into a world series, as the Braves appeared able to repeat.

But the Braves didn't repeat and it was Magee's old team, the Phils, that copped the hunting.

Sherwood stayed with the Braves three seasons—until the Braves owners decided he was through and asked for waivers on him. The Reds refused to waive and Magee, sad-eyed and dejected, packed his belongings and hid himself to the city of forlorn hopes.

Last year and this season he has been a sort of general utility man, playing the outfield, shortstop or first base. If he doesn't break into the series he will be in on the cash. Moran at least will count on him as a second defense man in case of injury to any of the regulars.

But whether or not he breaks into the lineup matters not quite so much to Sherwood as does the fact that he has finally had the sensation of being on a pennant-winning club.

ORVIE FOR THE REDS.

Orvie Overall, who was a member of the pitching staff of the famous old Cub machine when Frank LeRoy Chance was at the helm, has been rooting hard for Pat Moran to win the National league championship and then lead the Reds to a victory over the American league pennant winners. Overall was a great pitcher when he was with the Cubs, and a that time Pat Moran was the coach of the bottom. Overall says Pat Moran made him a successful hurler by teaching him control. Before Moran showed him how to control the ball Overall was unsteady and could not be depended upon.

Charles Conklin is no relation to Ros-

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"RED" FOSSE.

"Wild Red" Fosse, born and raised in the mountains of Kentucky, has been one of the sensational pilots in the speed world for the last three years and this season he is touring the South and is entered in the speed events that will bring the Tri-State fair to a close on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 27. Fosse has been declared by sport critics to be the light car king of the world. He drives a Mooney-Zero, one of the machines of the kind that has ever successfully competed with the heavier and more powerful cars that have been introduced into the speed world.

Here's Something To Be Thankful For; No St. Louis Series

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 12.—No fall series between the St. Louis clubs of the National and American leagues was planned this year as in previous seasons. The reasons given were poor gate receipts in former years and the expiration of the players' contracts.

MEUSEL LOOKS GOOD.

Bobby Meusel, the Pacific Coast leaguer who will join the Yankees in the fall, is hailed by Bob Connery as one of the best players he has seen. The kid was a crack outfielder, and shifted to third base. He became a star there, too. Bob Connery, the Yankee ivory hunter, said that Meusel was a natural hitter. His stand at the plate is easy and graceful, and he can follow the ball through with greater ease than any man since Wagner's time, it is said. He will be a great addition to the Yankees.

TIGERS BEAT RED SOX.

BOSTON, Sept. 12.—Detroit hit Jones and McGraw hard yesterday, and easily defeated Boston 5 to 2 in their final game of the season. Ehmske started for Detroit, but was taken out after passing Hooper and Vitt, and giving Lamar two hits. Ayers replaced Ehmske and held Boston to five hits.



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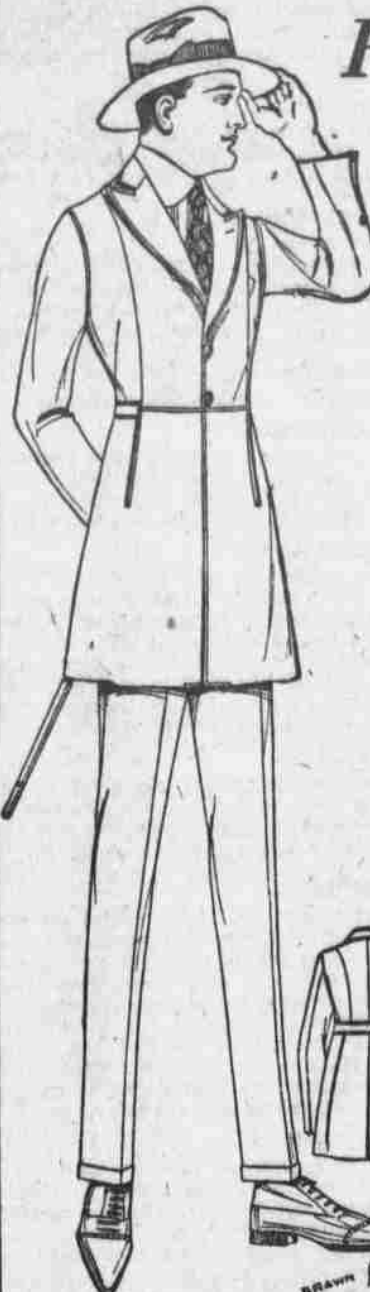
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